

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 518

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize C. Levoy Knowles for his outstanding service as a public servant and businessman.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as business and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is C. Levoy Knowles, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ben Lomand Telephone Cooperative, who has worked assiduously to improve the lives of the citizens of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Levoy Knowles attended Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee where he majored in business administration, and after graduation he worked as an accountant for a multistate construction firm in McMinnville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles has been a visionary leader during his twenty-five year tenure with Ben Lomand Telephone Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, guiding the company through tumultuous times in the 1980's, Levoy Knowles climbed the corporate ladder, advancing from accountant to assistant manager to general manager and finally to CEO in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles is an astute administrator, and he has served in numerous leadership roles with many prestigious organizations and companies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles has served as director for the United States Telecom Association, the American Institute of CPAs, the Tennessee Society of CPAs, the First National Bank of McMinnville, and Industrial Development; and

WHEREAS, committed to public service, Mr. Knowles is also a Paul Harris Fellow at the McMinnville Noon Rotary Club and a member of the Board of Governors of Iris Networks; he is also past President and current director of the Tennessee Telecommunications Association; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Knowles is most grateful for the love and companionship of his wonderful wife of twenty-nine years, Teresa; and

WHEREAS, devoted to family values of the highest order, Mr. Knowles is most proud of his two sons, Bryan, who attends the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and Andy, who is a senior in high school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knowles epitomizes the spirit and character that have earned Tennessee acknowledgment as the "Volunteer State", and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize C. Levoy Knowles for his leadership in the fields of telecommunications, public service, and business, commend him for his service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.